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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BEXP, KS

SUBJECT: BULLET-PROOF SHIELD FOR PRESIDENT PARK

REF: 1) STATE 198477, 2) SEOUL 5955

ATTENTION RSO FROM SY/FO

1. PROTECTIVE DEVICES CORP. (PDC) ADVISES THAT ARMORED GLASS WILL BE DELIVERED TO KOREAN AIRLINES BY 1200 HRS (PDT), 20 SEPTEMBER. SHIPMENT IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART LOS ANGELES ABOARD KAL FLIGHT ON EVENING OF 20 SEPTEMBER.

2. PDC HAS MANUFACTURED A ONE METER BY TWO METER SHIELD OF LEXGARD (HIGH-IMPACT POLYCARBONATE). THIS SHIELD WILL DEFEAT HANDGUNS UP TO .44 CAL. LEVEL BUT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT DEFEAT RIFLE FIRE. ALL OTHER PIECES OF ARMORED GLASS WILL DEFEAT UP TO 30-06 RIFLE FIRE.

3. PDC STRESSES THAT ARMORED GLASS MUST HAVE THE IMPACT SIDE FACING OUT IN ORDER TO AFFORD FULL PROTECTION. IMPACT SIDE IS MARKED BY A PLASTIC IMPRINTED STRIP ATTACHED TO PROPER SIDE. THE IMPACT SIDE HAS A GLASS COVERING TO TAKE UP THE INITIAL SHOCK OF THE PROJECTILE. ALL OTHER SURFACES ARE POLYCARBONATE AND SCRATCH EASILY.

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EXTREME CARE MUST BE TAKEN WHEN CLEANING SURFACES. BEST

METHOD OF CLEANING IS TO USE RUBBING ALCOHOL AND KLEENEX-

TYPE TISSUE.

4. IN EXPERIMENTS WITH ONE FOOT BY ONE FOOT TEST PIECE,
ONLY MILITARY BALL AMMUNITION SHOULD BE UTILIZED.
ARMORED GLASS IS NOT REPEAT NOT DESIGNED TO DEFEAT ARMOR
PIERCING (AP) ROUNDS.

5. KOREAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN DEALING WITH PDC. PAYMENT
AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPMENT HAVE BEEN MADE. KISSINGER

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